

§ 8124. Findings and award; hearings

(a) The Secretary of Labor shall determine and make a finding of facts and make an award for or against payment of compensation under this subchapter after—

(1) considering the claim presented by the beneficiary and the report furnished by the immediate superior; and

(2) completing such investigation as he considers necessary.

(b)(1) Before review under section 8128(a) of this title, a claimant for compensation not satisfied with a decision of the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section is entitled, on request made within 30 days after the date of the issuance of the decision, to a hearing on his claim before a representative of the Secretary. At the hearing, the claimant is entitled to present evidence in further support of his claim. Within 30 days after the hearing ends, the Secretary shall notify the claimant in writing of his further decision and any modifications of the award he may make and of the basis of his decision.

(2) In conducting the hearing, the representative of the Secretary is not bound by common law or statutory rules of evidence, by technical or formal rules of procedure, or by section 554 of this title except as provided by this subchapter, but may conduct the hearing in such manner as to best ascertain the rights of the claimant. For this purpose, he shall receive such relevant evidence as the claimant adduces and such other evidence as he determines necessary or useful in evaluating the claim.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 545; Pub. L. 90-83, §1(58), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 210.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES
1966 ACT

Table with 3 columns: Derivation, U.S. Code, Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large. Row 1: 5 U.S.C. 786, Sept. 7, 1916, ch. 458, §36, 39 Stat. 749.

The last sentence of former section 786 is omitted as surplusage because it is covered by section 8147.

Administration of this subchapter was transferred to the Secretary of Labor by section 1 of 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 19, 64 Stat. 1271 (see section 8145).

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

1967 ACT

Table with 3 columns: Section of title 5, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 8124(b), 5 App.: 786(b), July 4, 1966, Pub. L. 89-488, §11(b), 80 Stat. 255.

In subsection (b)(1), the words "section 8128(a) of this title" are substituted for "section 37" to reflect the codification of section 37 in title 5, United States Code. The words "a claimant * * * is entitled * * * to a hearing" are substituted for "any claimant * * * shall * * * be afforded an opportunity for a hearing". The words "under subsection (a) of this section" are substituted for "under this section" for clarity. In the second sentence, the words "is entitled to present evidence" are substituted for "shall be afforded an opportunity to present evidence".

In subsection (b)(2), the words "section 554 of this title * * * this subchapter" are substituted for "section

5 of the Administrative Procedure Act * * * this Act" to reflect the codification of the cited section and act in title 5. In the second sentence, the words "shall, in addition, receive" are omitted as unnecessary.

PERSONNEL NOT AFFECTED BY 1967 INCREASE

Increases authorized under amendment by section 1(58) of Pub. L. 90-83 not applicable to specified personnel, see section 7 of Pub. L. 90-83, set out as a note under section 8103 of this title.

§ 8125. Misbehavior at proceedings

If an individual—

(1) disobeys or resists a lawful order or process in proceedings under this subchapter before the Secretary of Labor or his representative; or

(2) misbehaves during a hearing or so near the place of hearing as to obstruct it;

the Secretary or his representative shall certify the facts to the district court having jurisdiction in the place where he is sitting. The court, in a summary manner, shall hear the evidence as to the acts complained of and if the evidence warrants, punish the individual in the same manner and to the same extent as for a contempt committed before the court, or commit the individual on the same conditions as if the forbidden act had occurred with reference to the process of or in the presence of the court.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 545.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Derivation, U.S. Code, Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large. Row 1: 5 U.S.C. 773(c), Oct. 14, 1949, ch. 691, §205(c)(2), 63 Stat. 865.

The words "the district court of the United States for the District of Columbia" are omitted as included in "district court". The words "under this subchapter" are added for clarity since this section which was formerly a subsection referred to the subsection preceding it which identified the proceedings.

Administration of this subchapter was transferred to the Secretary of Labor by section 1 of 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 19, 64 Stat. 1271 (see section 8145).

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

§ 8126. Subpenas; oaths; examination of witnesses

The Secretary of Labor, on any matter within his jurisdiction under this subchapter, may—

(1) issue subpoenas for and compel the attendance of witnesses within a radius of 100 miles;

(2) administer oaths;

(3) examine witnesses; and

(4) require the production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 545.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Derivation, U.S. Code, Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large. Row 1: 5 U.S.C. 780, Sept. 7, 1916, ch. 458, §29, 39 Stat. 748. Row 2: Oct. 14, 1949, ch. 691, §205(c)(2), 63 Stat. 864.

The words "under this subchapter" are added to preserve the original grant of power in the Act of Sept. 7, 1916.